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Please see attached update. Thank you. Susan

From: Susan Webster
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Spill Update: 8/3/14 - CES Environmental Services Chemical Spill: Houston, Harris County, TX

On 8/3/14, the TCEQ and EPA Teams remain on-site. The TCEQ Team is conducting all direct cleanup actions. The EPA Team is providing technical assistance and documenting response activities. The TCEQ Team activities will consist of:

1. Removing oily contaminated storm water from the residential ditches and placing in frac tanks;
2. Decontaminating the impacted soils and ditches with fresh water and placing in frac tanks;
3. Decontaminating the oily residue from the residential roadways with pressure washer and placing water into frac tanks;
4. Removing free oil from storm water that has collected on the facility and placing in frac tanks;
5. Removing storm water from on-site storm water ditch leading to off-site release;
6. Adding additional berms and reinforcing existing berms around the facility to reduce the likelihood of off-site migration of contaminated storm water;
7. Sampling of contaminated water collected to profile for waste disposal/treatment;
8. Evaluating existing containers to insure that steps are taken to reduce the likelihood of overtopping during rain events;

The EPA Team activities consist of:

1. Providing technical assistance to the TCEQ Team;
2. Interacting with the public along with the TCEQ Team;
3. Collecting a sample of the oily material within the residential ditches;
4. Collecting a sample of the source material within TT408 and TT407;
5. Collecting air samples on-site and off-site as determined appropriate;
6. Monitoring the air for VOCs;
7. Evaluating existing containers with TCEQ to insure that steps are taken to reduce the likelihood of overtopping during rain events;
8. Evaluating fence repair needs to secure the facility;
9. Documenting the response activities for the EPA Report.

The belief is that the spill was a result of vandalism. The facility is not secure as the fencing has been stolen or otherwise compromised allowing trespassers and vandals unabated access to the facility.



